



State Senator **IRMA CLARK-COLEMAN** D-3rd Senate District



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Committees: Education (Minority Vice Chair); Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs (Minority Vice Chair); Banking and Financial Institutions; Families and Human Services

Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; attended Detroit Public Schools; B.A. and M.A., communications, Wayne State University; married to Rev. Ron D. Coleman, Sr.; member and former vice president of the board of directors of God Land Unity Church where her husband is pastor; two children; began career (1967-1999) in Wayne County government as an entry-level stenographer and advanced to become Director of Human Relations, having also served as Assistant Director of Public Information for the Road Commission, Media Relations Manager for former Wayne County Executive William Lucas, and Press Secretary to County Executive Edward H. McNamara; appointed to Detroit Board of Education in 1991, she served as vice president, then president (1996-1998); life member, NAACP; former member, Travelers Aid Society Board of Directors; former co-chair, Detroit Goodfellows Drive, United Way Community Services Drive (1997-1998); charter member, Civic Center Optimist Club; member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Detroit Works Partnership Advisory Board, National Association of Black County Officials, National Alliance of Black School Educators; board of directors, Michigan Association of School Boards, Schools of the 21st Century, Mackenzie High School's "Aspires" Program; Adelita (Sister) Award, Mana de Michigan; Spirit of Detroit Award, City of Detroit; Distinguished Service Award, Wayne County Clerk; State of Michigan Executive Declaration Award; 1997 Headline Award, Women of Wayne State University Alumni Association; Michigan Democratic Party and 14th Congressional District Precinct Delegate; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998; elected to the State Senate, 2002.

